or in any stock or property whatsoever, and dispose of said

funds, stocks, money or property in such manner, not contrary to law, as to it shall appear most advantageous; fourteenth, to make insurance for the fidelity of persons holding places of responsibility and of trust, and to become security for the faithful performance of the duties of any clerk or employee of any corporation, company, firm or individual; fifteenth, to act as security for the faithful performance of any contract entered into with any person or persons, corporation or corporations; sixteenth, to become security for the faithful performance of the duties of any national, State, county or municipal officer, and to execute such bonds or recognizances as may be required by law in such cases, and to become security in any other case when by law one or more securities may be required for the faithful performance of any trust, office, duty, action or engagement; seventeenth, to become security upon any writ of error or appeal in any proceeding instituted in any court of this State, and to supersede any judgment, decree or order for the payment of money obtained in any such court, and in any and every case whereby this act this company is authorized to become security or superseder, any court or officer whose duty it is to approve such security or superseder may approve of this company as sole security or superseder, any law or regulation requiring two or more securities or superseders to be taken, to the contrary notwithstanding, and in every such case the capital stock, property and effects of this company shall be treated and considered sufficient security for the responsibility assumed by this company, unless the said court or officer shall consider it necessary to require further security, and shall be absolutely liable for any default whatever; and it shall be lawful for this company in all cases where it becomes security or superseder to stipulate and provide for indemnity from the parties for whom it becomes responsible as security or superseder, and to enforce any bond, contract, agreement, pledge or other security made or given for that purpose.

SEC. 10. And be it enacted, That this company be and is hereby authorized to accept and execute trusts of any and every description which may be committed or transferred to it with its consent, by any person or persons whomsoever, body politic or corporation, or by any court of the State of Maryland, or of any other of the United States, or by any court of the United States, and to accept the office and appointment of executor or administrator of any kind or nature, whenever such office or appointment is made by any person or persons or by any orphans' court either of this State or any of the United States, and that in case where application is made to any court of this State, for the appointment of any receiver, assignee, guardian of a minor or minors, committee of a person non compos mentis, or of an habitual drunkard incapable of taking care of himself or herself,

Further power